

Listing of the Claims:

The listing of claims below, wherein underlining indicates additions and strikethrough indicates deletions, will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended) A method for accessing ~~distributing~~ a message ~~and a video stream~~ in a conditional access system, the method comprising:

receiving authorization information with the video stream by a first conditional access receiver;

generating a first authorization for use of a separately received content object ~~the video stream~~ by ~~the first conditional access receiver~~ a plurality of set top receivers;

~~receiving first authorization information with the first conditional access receiver;~~

performing a first determination to test if ~~the a~~ first set top conditional access receiver is authorized to access ~~receive~~ the separately received content object ~~message~~;

receiving authorization information with a second conditional access receiver;

performing a second determination to test if ~~a~~ the second set top conditional access receiver is authorized to access ~~receive~~ the separately received content object ~~message~~;

blocking ~~access to the separately received content object by receipt of the message with the first~~ set top conditional access receiver as a function of based, at least in

~~part, upon the~~ determining if the first set top conditional access receiver is authorized;
and

~~blocking access to the separately received content object by receiving the message~~
~~with the second set top conditional access receiver as a function of~~ based, at least in part,
~~upon the~~ determining if the second set top conditional access receiver is authorized.

10. (Currently amended) The method for accessing a ~~distributing the~~ message in
~~the a~~ conditional access system as recited in claim 9, wherein ~~the blocking access to the~~
separately received content object receipt of the message comprises ignoring a portion of
a datastream associated with the ~~message~~ separately received content object.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently amended) The method for accessing a ~~distributing the~~ message in
~~the a~~ conditional access system as recited in claim 9, wherein the ~~message~~ separately
received content object comprises a software program.

13-26. (Canceled)

27. (New) The method for accessing a message in a conditional access system as
recited in claim 9, wherein the separately received content object comprises a video
content.

28. (New) The method for accessing a message in a conditional access system as recited in claim 9, wherein the separately received content object comprises an audio content.

29. (New) The method for accessing a message in a conditional access system as recited in claim 9, wherein the separately received content object comprises firmware.